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Restrictions on the promotion of agricultural graduates holding the B.Sc. degree.

* 513 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to shut out agricultural graduates holding the B.Sc. degree from the gazetted rank in the Science section of the department, unless they are Honours B.A.'s or M.A.'s?

A.—No.

Education

Preparatory class in the Widows' Home, Triplicane.

* 514 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a preparatory class attached to the Widows' Home, Triplicane, under Government management and control with a tutor sanctioned for the class;

(*b*) when the class and the post of tutor were abolished and why they were abolished;

(*c*) whether Sister R. S. Subbulakshmi Ammal, Superintendent of the Widows' Home, continued this class under her management and control and also threw it open to day scholars;

(*d*) whether she had the sanction of Government for managing these classes and holding them in the Widows' Home;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Government scholarships were sanctioned for the pupils of these classes and if so, how many of each kind were sanctioned during each of these years;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that Government scholarships are not tenable in unrecognized schools or classes and, if so, how and why such scholarships were sanctioned for pupils reading in these classes;

(*g*) who is responsible for this irregularity and what is the total amount expended on this account till now;

(*h*) whether any applications for Government scholarships on behalf of these pupils have been received and whether it is proposed to sanction them this year too;

(*i*) whether there is any proposal to accord official sanction for conducting these classes privately this year and taking them over under Government management from next year;

(*j*) whether the reasons that led to the abolition of these classes and their teacher before have now ceased to operate and, if so, in what manner; and

(*k*) how many of the girls who studied in these classes in 1930–31 were admitted into the College this year and how many were refused admission?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The post of tutor was abolished on 1st March 1925 as it was considered unnecessary. The class continued.

(*c*) Yes. Day scholars were occasionally admitted.

(*d*) No.